

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Several Lives Lost and Many Injured at Pittsburgh.

A BOILER PLANT DESTROYED.

And a Number of Men Buried in the Ruins--Names of the Victims. Agonizing Scenes About the Wreck--What Caused It.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 14.—A battery of boilers at the West Point boiler works of J. M. Moore & Sons, on the corner of Twenty-third and Smallman streets, exploded shortly after 12 o'clock this afternoon, wrecking the plant and burying a number of men in the ruins. A dozen others were seriously injured. A dozen of them it is thought fatally. The names of the dead already removed from the wreck are:

ALBERT LEBLANC, engineer, slightly injured, single, resided on Howard street, Allegheny.

CHARLES ALLENBACHER, laborer, head and body killed.

DANIEL CLARK, boiler maker, mangled and killed.

JOHN KESSELMER, boiler maker.

JOHN CONNORS and one other were taken from the ruins alive. Connors, however, died before he reached the hospital.

The explosion occurred just after the noon whistle had blown and many of the workmen had just left the works to go to their dinners. The concussion shook buildings for several squares. In a few minutes a large crowd had gathered about the wreck and the scene was most agonizing.

Wives, mothers and children ran about wringing their hands and crying, eagerly searching for their loved ones. The first body removed was that of the engineer, Leblanc. He was almost unrecognizable. Allenbacher's remains were next taken out and in a few minutes the mangled body of Clark was found. Remaier, Howard and an unknown were next removed.

CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION.

The cause of the explosion has not been learned. The building was a large one-story brick structure, and was formerly occupied by William Smith & Sons, pipe manufacturers. The plant was a valuable one, and will prove a complete loss. Nothing remains but a mass of brick, mortar and timbers. The fire was unable to approach the loss but it is safe to say that it will reach \$20,000. The concussion shattered windows and damaged houses for three blocks, and it is a miracle that more people were not killed or injured.

At 12 o'clock the body of James Carter, aged about 22 years and unmarried, was taken out, making five dead removed from the ruins. Martin Connors was 21 years of age and unmarried. He came to this city about three years ago from Baltimore. The names of the most seriously injured are: John Forest, a helper, aged 26 years; Harvey Barra, a helper, aged 25 years; William Kell, Frank Maucka, John Barber and Jas. Geary, boiler makers; Carney was recently married. The others are single men.

The boilers were inspected six months ago and were thought to be in first class condition. The real cause of the explosion will probably never be known as the engineer was killed outright and no one else has been found who was in the engine room at the time the disaster took place.

THE WORK OF RESCUE.

The work of rescue was concluded late this afternoon, but no more bodies were found. All the employees have been accounted for. Of the sixty-five workmen, five were killed and eleven injured, a number of them quite serious; Stephen Carter, however, is the only one in a dangerous condition.

Every one spoken to on the subject expressed confidence in the engineer, and agreed that he was a careful and competent man, and one who was unusually careful in his work. The boiler had been in the eight years. The loss will reach \$20,000.

A FRIGHTFUL SITUATION.

Mines Impaired in a Gangway of the Black Diamond Mine.

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The alarm was given through the mine and the work of rescue was begun. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the miners heard a faint sound of voices. They pushed on with their work and two hours later were enabled to hold a conversation with the men. He informed them of his own and his companions' safety. A mass of ragged rock is hanging directly over the men's heads and may fall at any moment.

WE WANT THE MARSHES OF THE WORLD.

ST. PAUL, March 14.—In the State Legislature yesterday, a resolution was introduced by Speaker Graves, relating to the foreign policy of the general Government. The preamble recites that, whereas, the cause of patriotism is advanced by the knowledge that the national flag is seen all over the world; that it is ripe for the commerce of the eastern nations to move westward and through the United States; therefore, the Legislature resolves that the general Government should adopt a "provisional foreign policy; that the United States should compete for the commerce of the world."

LICENSES TO FISHERMEN REFUSED.

GLoucester, Mass., March 14.—Reports from Newfoundland say that the issue of licenses to American vessels for the purchase of bait and other necessary outfit will be refused, and the Government will coincide with the Dominion Government in its policy. The reason alleged is that American vessels last season violated the license laws and sold the bait purchased in Newfoundland to the French at St. Pierre.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 14.—The opinion handed down in the Supreme Court of Appeals to-day in the Carr-Mandamus case settles the gubernatorial contest before the courts. It decides that Governor Wilson is entitled under the Constitution to hold the office until the result is declared by the Legislature. The opinion is by Judge Brannon and is quite a lengthy one. The syllabus reads as follows:

"When persons are voted for by Governor at a regular election for the office of Governor, but there has been no declaration of the result of the election by either the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the joint assembly of the two branches of the Legislature, and a contest for that office is pending before such joint assembly, and the declaration of the result has been by such assembly postponed until the decision of such contest, that does not create such a condition of things as to vitiate the meaning of section 16 of article 7 of the constitution which will entitle the President of the Senate to act as Governor. In such case, the Governor elected for the next preceding term has the right and is under duty, by virtue of section 16 of article 7 of the constitution, to continue to discharge the duties of his office until a successor shall be declared elected. The act of taking the official oath prescribed for Governor by a candidate voted for Governor at such election, before the declaration of his election under section 3 of article 7 of the constitution, will not entitle him to take the office, and his inability to take the office for want of such declaration of election, whether he attempt to qualify or not, will not entitle the President of the Senate to act as Governor. A declaration of election to the office of Governor, as provided for by Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution, is indispensable to perfect and consummate the title of Governor. The provisions of the constitution limiting the term of office of Governor to four years and making him ineligible to re-election do not prevent him from continuing to discharge the duties of his office until his term expires, under section 6 of article 4 of the constitution, in cases where the President cannot act as Governor under section 6 of article 7 of the constitution."

General Goff left for Washington to-day.

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He Did Want a Cabinet Place, but Don't Care About It Now.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Judge John M. Thurston, of Omaha, who was temporary chairman of the National convention which nominated General Harrison, said to-night: "I am not disappointed in not being made a member of the Cabinet. For a while I was inclined to think that I could be of service to the Northwest as Secretary of the Interior and if I had been made anything that is what I would have liked, but I suppose, for no other reason my connection with railway interests was sufficient to prevent my selection."

Judge Thurston added that there is no office which General Harrison can now offer him that would be any inducement for him to leave his present business, and that, after all, he rather glories in not being a member of the Cabinet. The Judge is returning from Washington. He leaves here to-morrow for his home in Nebraska.

IT WAS ALL A HOAX.